

Section 114(a)(1)(D) of the NWPA specifies that any Site Recommendation the Secretary of Energy submitted to the President must include a final environmental impact statement together with comments received from four Federal agencies – the Department of the Interior, the Council on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission – on the Final EIS. To facilitate agency review of this Final EIS, DOE has included three of the agencies’ complete comment documents on the Draft EIS and the Supplement to the Draft EIS and the DOE responses to the comments in those documents before Chapter 1. (The Council on Environmental Quality did not submit comments on the Draft EIS or the Supplement.)

The compact disks that are part of this Final EIS contain electronically scanned images of the transcripts of all the public hearings along with scanned images of all letters, electronic mail, facsimiles, etc., for both the Draft EIS and the Supplement.

A number of the responses to comments contain references to supporting documents. The reference lists in this Comment-Response Document include the documents cited only in this volume. It does not include references to documents cited in other volumes of this EIS and listed in those volumes. DOE has not listed documents cited in submitted comments unless the corresponding response also cites that reference.

How To Use this Comment-Response Document

Tables CR-1 and CR-2 provide alphabetical guides to the location of comments provided by organizations and individuals, respectively. Table CR-2 lists anonymous submittals as “Anonymous”; in addition, it lists as “Illegible” submittals for which DOE could not read the signature. To find a comment and the DOE response, locate the commenter’s name (by individual or organization) in the appropriate table and turn to the index location listed. The identification number in parentheses after the index location identifies the comment-response pair.

As an actual example, Ms. Cheryl Alexander submitted a letter (comment document EIS000255) that contains five identified comments. If one wanted to read the DOE responses to Ms. Alexander’s comments, one would first find her name in Table CR-2. In addition to her name, the table includes the locations of her five comments. For example, one is directed to Sections 8.1, 5.1, 8.3.3, 3.3, and 13 of the Comment-Response Document and to comment-response pairs 170, 27, 23, 50, and 5, respectively. Note that DOE responded to all of Ms. Alexander’s comments in summary responses.

If one wanted to read Ms. Alexander’s comments in the context of her original letter, one would find comment document EIS000255 on the compact disk included with this Comment-Response Document, on the Yucca Mountain Project’s Internet web site (<http://www.ymp.gov>), or in the copy at the nearest DOE Reading Room. Comment document EIS000255 is a scanned image of Ms. Alexander’s letter with brackets around each identified comment.

Table CR-3 is a cross-reference from the comments and responses back to the commenter(s). This table identifies who made each comment and, for summary comments, the group of commenters.